This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. A compound having the formula:

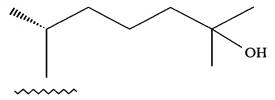
where Y₁ and Y₂, which may be the same or different, are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a hydroxy-protecting group, where X may be an alkyl, hydrogen, hydroxy-protecting group, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl and aryloxyalkyl, and where the group R is represented by the structure:

where the stereochemical center at carbon 20 may have the R or S configuration, and where Z is selected from Y, -OY, -CH₂OY, -C \equiv CY and -CH \equiv CHY, where the double bond may have the cis or trans geometry, and where Y is selected from hydrogen, methyl, -COR⁵ and a radical of the structure:

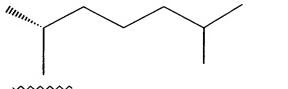
$$-(CH_2)_m$$
 $-(CH_2)_n$ $-(CH_2)_n$ $-(CH_2)_n$ $-(CH_3)_n$ $-(CH$

where m and n, independently, represent the integers from 0 to 5, where R^1 is selected from hydrogen, deuterium, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, fluoro, trifluoromethyl, and C_{1-5} -alkyl, which may be straight chain or branched and, optionally, bear a hydroxy or protected-hydroxy substituent, and where each of R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 , independently, is selected from deuterium, deuteroalkyl, hydrogen, fluoro, trifluoromethyl and C_{1-5} alkyl, which may be straight-chain or branched, and optionally, bear a hydroxy or protected-hydroxy substituent, and where R^1 and R^2 , taken together, represent an oxo group, or an alkylidene group, = CR^2R^3 , or the group - $(CH_2)_p$ -, where p is an integer from 2 to 5, and where R^3 and R^4 , taken together, represent an oxo group, or the group - $(CH_2)_q$ -, where q is an integer from 2 to 5, and where R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, or C_{1-5} alkyl and wherein any of the CH-groups at positions 20, 22, or 23 in the side chain may be replaced by a nitrogen atom, or where any of the groups - $CH(CH_3)$ -, - (CH_2) m-, - (CH_2) n-, or - (CR_1R_2) - at positions 20, 22, and 23, respectively, may be replaced by an oxygen or sulfur atom.

2. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



3. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

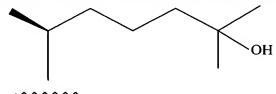


4. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

5. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

6. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

7. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



8. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

9. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

10. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

11. The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula

12-16. (Canceled)

- 17. A pharmaceutical composition containing an effective amount of at least one compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 18. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 wherein said effective amount comprises from about 0.01µg to about 100µg per gram of composition.
 - 19. (Canceled)
- 20. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-[(3'-methoxymethoxy)propylidene]-19-nor- 1α ,25-(OH)₂D₃ in an amount from about 0.01µg to about 100µg.
 - 21. (Canceled)
- 22. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor- 1α ,25-(OH)₂D₃ (E-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01µg to about 100µg.
 - 23. (Canceled)
- 24. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor- 1α ,25-(OH)₂D₃ (Z-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01µg to about 100µg.
 - 25. (Canceled)
- 26. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor-(20S)- 1α ,25-(OH)₂D₃ (E-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01µg to about 100µg.
 - 27. (Canceled)
- 28. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor-(20S)- 1α ,25-(OH)₂D₃ (Z-isomer) in an amount from about $0.01\mu g$ to about $100\mu g$.
 - 29-109. (Canceled)